

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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Music for Schools visit

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Music for Schools at the beginning of the week where we learned about different woodwind and brass instruments as well as the many benefits of learning a musical instrument. Letters will have come home on Monday about the paid opportunities offered by Music for Schools.



Golf

On Wednesday this week, all classes enjoyed a Tri-golf session with coaches from Mad Swans in the Mendips (formerly known as Farrington Park) and we had some lovely feedback about the superb behaviour of our pupils. Following on from this, they would like to offer a one-off free session up at the golf club for 8-10 of our pupils using proper clubs and balls. If your child enjoyed this session and would be interested in this opportunity, please email Mrs Geeson (cgeeson@farrington.mnsp.org.uk).



Doodle Maths

In a busy week for visitors, Ellie from Doodle also came in to speak to children and parents about Doodle Maths, how to use it in a healthy way and how it can support maths learning in class. While some of our classes currently celebrate achievements in Doodle, we are excited to be looking at a more school-wide approach starting with the Doodle Summer Challenge which begins on the 1st July. If you were unable to attend the session, the slides can be accessed [here](#).



Year 2 Quad Kids

On Thursday, Shark Class visited Bath University to try out a range of sporting activities including athletics, tennis and ball skills. They also met some professional athletes and made their own Olympic medals. Our Year 2s thoroughly enjoyed the day and were inspired to think about what sporting opportunities they would like to explore in the future.



Class Structure for September 2025

Ahead of our 'Shuffle Up' morning on Thursday 3rd July, where the children will spend the morning in their new classes, we are pleased to be able to share with you our class structure and staffing arrangements for September. Turtle Class will continue to be taught by Mrs Frampton, Shark Class will be taught by Mrs Geeson every morning and then come together with Turtle Class in the afternoons to work as a unit led by Mrs Frampton. Seal Class teachers will be Mrs Oates (Monday to Wednesday) and Mrs Glover (Thursday and Friday). Mrs Mathieson will be moving to Dolphin Class and will be there all week. We are all very excited about the new arrangements and are looking forward to hitting the ground running in September with our enthusiastic and experienced team.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

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Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - please remember to book/pay for your breakfast club spaces via the ParentPay portal.
 - **Class photos (+Year 6)** - the order proofs were sent home last week. The deadline for any remaining orders is Monday 23rd June and these can be made on line or sent to the office in the envelopes sent home.
 - **Clubs** - all clubs will run as normal next week. Netball will not run on the 30th June due to a fixture.
 - **Dinners** - the new dinner menu for next term/year is on our website (the dietary menu remains unchanged).
 - **Private Music Lessons** - For recorder, clarinet, flute, trumpet, cornet and saxophone lessons please [click here for the link to enrol](#) and to find out more information. For Keyboard lessons delivered by WEMA [\(please click here to register interest\)](#).
 - **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
 - **Swimming** - next year there will be a small charge for the cost of the swimming transport. This is as a result of ever increasing costs, which we have been able to sustain until now, stretching our school budget. This will be added to ParentPay soon and we ask that you consent/cover the cost 2 weeks prior to your child's lessons.
- Terms 1&2 Dolphin Class (14 sessions), Term 3&4 Seal Class (12 sessions), Term 5&6 Shark/Turtle (12 sessions)**
- **Whole School Trip to Lyme Regis** - 4th July. Thank you to those who have consented/paid via ParentPay. There are still some outstanding.
 - **Year 6 Barton Hall Residential Trip 2026** - Thanks for those who have accessed this; for those who have not, please consent/pay the deposit to secure a place by 28th June 2025.

Diary Dates

June

Mon 23rd	Final Call for Class Photo Orders.
Fri 27th	Celebration Assembly
Mon 30th	Year 5/6 Netball Fixture (consent letter sent home)

July

Wed 2nd	Sports Day/weather permitting (Parents welcome on the field from 1:15pm)
Thu 3rd	Shuffle up day
Fri 4th	Whole School Trip to Lyme Regis (Late return at approx 4:30pm traffic allowing: please see ParentPay to consent/pay)
Tue 8th	Year 3/4 Quadkids Athletics Tournament 3:45-5:45pm (details to follow)
Wed 9th	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 11th	FINAL Celebration Assembly Talent Show (change of date) Colour Run - Sponsorship Deadline
Tue 15th	Dolphin Class Matinee Performance doors open 1pm, show time starts 1:30pm £2/ticket 4/per family
Thur 17th	Dolphin Class Evening Performance doors open 5.30pm, show time starts 6pm purchase via ParentPay
Fri 18th	Leavers Service at the Church (Parents welcome 9:15-10:15am) Year 6 Farewell under the tree (Year 6 Parents welcome 2:45-3:15pm) End of school year

Message from Friends of Farrington Gurney School

We hope everyone enjoyed the **Colour Run** on Friday, we certainly did! Quick reminder please return all sponsorship money ideally via direct payment to the Friends bank account: Sort Code 40-52-40: Account: 00012136 Name: Friends of Farrington Gurney School. Please use a reference "Colour Run+child/rens names". All sponsorship forms should be returned to the office with any cash by Friday 11th July. There are spare sponsorship forms in the office.

On sports day this year we are putting on a cake sale. Please can we ask if anyone is able to help with cake donations it would be greatly appreciated!



Thought for the Week

"Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom."
(Song of Songs 2:15 NIV)



Have you ever had a time when things were going really well - a day at work, a meal with friends, a holiday with family - and then it all went pear shaped! There are several reasons why this happens, but whatever the reason, it can really spoil the experience. Sometimes these things can be described as little foxes.

In the Bible, there is a book called the [Song of Songs](#). It is believed to have been written by King Solomon who was an extremely wealthy and wise king who wrote about 3000 proverbs (some of which are in the book called Proverbs) and 1005 songs. So Song of Songs, it could be argued, was the best.

On the surface, this book is about a couple, who start courting, get engaged and get married. It uses sensory language to describe the couple's relationship and love

for each other. Many Christians and scholars would say that the book was also referring to the relationship between God and the church. In other places in the Bible, the church is described as the bride and Jesus as the bridegroom.

The reference to 'little foxes' would have had a significant meaning for the original readers of this song. At the time it was written (c.950 BC), foxes would have been considered as destructive animals that could destroy expensive vineyards. Therefore, it was important to remove them before they did any damage.

But what about the meaning of foxes in the song? For a couple, 'little foxes' would refer to anything that would get in the way of their relationship, e.g. lack of communication, taking each other for granted, neglecting intimacy, dishonesty and selfishness. For Christians, these examples could also relate to their relationship with God, although it would be harder to hide these things.

In both cases, it's important to note that the foxes are described as 'little'. Even though these may be small, overlooked things, they can have a significant negative impact. They can spoil the fruitfulness of a relationship, whether between a couple or between a person and God.

It is clear that it is important to address these things, even if they are minor, so that you can protect what is good and thriving. It might be worth taking a moment to think about your own relationships, and see where there may be 'little foxes' that could be spoiling things or getting between you. It's worth catching them before they do any significant damage.